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Re: *Matar v. Dichter, 05 Civ. 10270 (WHP)*

Dear Judge Pauley:

This Office represents the United States of America (the "Government") in the above-referenced case, brought by several Palestinian citizens against the former Director of Israel's General Security Service. By order dated July 20, 2006, the Court invited the Government to submit a statement of interest by September 12, 2006 setting forth its views on the issues raised by the parties or any other issues the Government considers relevant to the case. The Government has previously requested two extensions of this filing date, which the Court granted, pursuant to which the Government's response to the Court's order is expected today. I write at this time respectfully to request a brief additional extension of this filing date, until next Friday, November 17, 2006.

The Department of State and the Department of Justice are currently in the last stages of their deliberations regarding the possible filing of a statement of interest in the case. While a final decision was expected today, deliberations remain ongoing. Accordingly, the Government requires additional time in order to determine its response, if any, to the Court's order and thus respectfully requests a brief extension of time to allow these deliberations to be completed. The Government regrets any imposition on the Court from making this request on the date a response was expected; however, the need for an extension was not clear until today.

Counsel for both parties consent to this extension request. Plaintiffs' counsel asks that the Court also extend the time for the parties to respond to any submission made by the Government until December 19, 2006. Counsel for the Government, in turn, has no objection to this request.

Application granted

SO ORDERED:

WILLIAM H. PAULEY III U.S.D.J.

November 14, 2006

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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